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## SPOKESMODEL?

### Reese's Is Intrigued

A man is facing charges after being found in a grocery store covered in chocolate and peanut butter. A manager of the Food World IGA in Neon, Ky., arrived at work last week to find 22-year-old Andrew Allen Michael Toothman wearing only the confections and a pair of black boots. Toothman is accused of smearing peanut butter around the store and using bottles of Nyquil to spell out the word "sorry." (AP)

## SPOKESMODEL?

### Fixodent Is Intrigued

A man in New Castle, Ind., faces a battery charge for allegedly trying to pull a woman's dentures out of her mouth. John R. Dicken, 51, was arrested early Sunday outside the home of a female acquaintance. City patrolman Justin R. Wardlow said the woman told him that Dicken "attempted to rip out her false teeth." Dicken was charged Monday and remained in jail Tuesday. (AP)

## SPOKESMODEL?

### Axe Is Intrigued

A judge has thrown out a New Jersey man's lawsuit against a Greenwich Village pub over injuries he suffered after a beer pong game. The judge found that Alan Berger voluntarily signed up for the beer-drinking game and couldn't sue the bar. Court papers say Berger played the game for 3½ hours in June 2009. He later was struck by a car. Berger claimed the bar should have been monitoring the game to make sure players weren't getting visibly drunk. (AP)

## The Big Picture



**THAT'S ONE WAY OF MAKING S'MORES:** President Obama pumps up a gun designed to shoot a marshmallow in the State Dining Room during the White House Science Fair on Tuesday. Joey Hudry, left, of Phoenix, created the device. (AP)

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## In Brief

## SAN FRANCISCO

## Yahoo Chairman, 3 Board Members Stepping Down

Yahoo Chairman Roy Bostock and long-time board members Vyomesh Joshi, Arthur Kern and Gary Wilson announced Tuesday they are stepping down, fulfilling the wishes of many frustrated shareholders who believe the directors have dragged down Yahoo's revenue and stock price. (AP)

## LOS ANGELES

## Staff Removed at School During Abuse Probe

The entire staff at Miramonte Elementary School in Los Angeles is being removed while authorities investigate horrific allegations of sexual abuse by two of the school's teachers: now-fired Mark Berndt, who is accused of abusing children and photographing them; and Martin Springer, who was charged with committing acts upon one girl in 2009. The Board of Education voted to fire Springer on Tuesday. (AP)

## ATLANTA

## CDC: Bread Beats Chips As Biggest Salt Source

Bread and rolls are the No. 1 source of salt in the American diet, accounting for more than twice as much sodium as salty junk food like potato chips, according to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report released Tuesday. (AP)

# Prop 8 Ruled Unconstitutional

Gay marriage ban struck down by Calif. federal appeals court

## San Francisco

A federal appeals court on Tuesday declared California's same-sex marriage ban unconstitutional but agreed to give sponsors of the bitterly contested, voter-approved law time to appeal the ruling before ordering the state to resume allowing gay couples to wed.

The three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 that a lower court judge correctly interpreted the U.S. Constitution and Supreme Court precedents when he declared in 2010 that Proposition 8 — a response to an earlier state court decision that legalized gay marriage — was a violation of the civil rights of gays and lesbians.

"Whether under the Constitution same-sex couples may ever be denied the right to marry, a right that has long been enjoyed by opposite-sex couples, is an important and highly controversial question,"



Proposition 8 opponents celebrate the court's ruling on Tuesday in San Francisco.

**"Proposition 8 serves no purpose and has no effect, other than to lessen the status and human dignity of gays and lesbians."**

— JUDGE STEPHEN REINHARDT, IN HIS WRITTEN OPINION OF PROPOSITION 8.

the court said.

However, the appeals panel took pains to note that its decision applies only to California, even though the court has jurisdiction in nine western states. California is the only one of those states where the ability for gays to marry was granted and then rescinded, the court noted in its narrowly crafted opinion.

"We are not surprised that this

## What's Next?

**The California federal court's ruling** will not take effect until the deadline passes for Proposition 8's backers to appeal to a larger panel of the 9th Circuit. Lawyers for the coalition of conservative religious groups that sponsored the measure said they have not decided whether they will seek a 9th Circuit rehearing or file an appeal directly to the U.S. Supreme Court. (AP)

Hollywood-orchestrated attack on marriage — tried in San Francisco — turned out this way," said Brian Raum, senior counsel for the Alliance Defense Fund, a Christian legal aid group based in Arizona that helped defend Proposition 8.

One legal analyst said the U.S. Supreme Court might not agree to take up the case on appeal because the appeals court focused its decision exclusively on California's ban. "The ruling is on the narrowest ground possible," said University of Santa Clara constitutional law professor Margaret Russell.

LISA LEFF (AP)



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# Documents: Susan Powell Likely Murdered

Olympia, Wash.

Authorities have been investigating the disappearance of Susan Powell as a murder for at least several months, while they publicly left open the possibility that the Utah mother might be found alive.

A search warrant obtained by The Associated Press through a public records request Tuesday showed that police were investigating three felonies in Utah: first-

degree murder, kidnapping and obstructing a public servant.

Salt Lake County District Attorney Sim Gill acknowledged for the first time that they believe Powell is dead, saying the case is being handled as a murder investigation.

Gill wouldn't discuss the evidence but said authorities don't have enough information to file charges in the case: "I think when I talk about it as a missing persons case, that's because we haven't located

## Meanwhile ...

In a voicemail recording for family members played Tuesday on ABC's "Good Morning America," Josh Powell said he couldn't live without the boys and didn't want to go on anymore. In autopsy reports released late Monday, authorities said Powell's two sons suffered hatchet wounds to their necks and smoke inhalation. (AP)

the body of Susan Powell."

Investigators are now reassessing the case after her husband and "person of interest" in her 2009 disappearance, Josh Powell, torched his home this weekend, killing himself and their two young children.

"We still haven't identified or found where Susan Powell is," said West Valley, Utah, Police Chief Buzz Nielsen. BRIAN SKOLOFF AND MIKE BAKER (AP)



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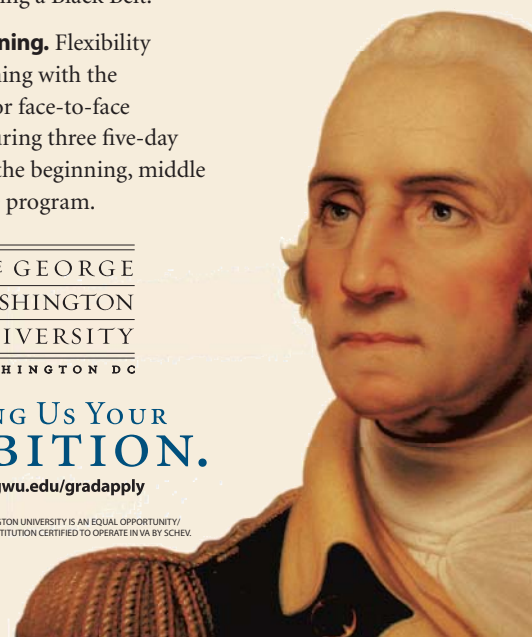
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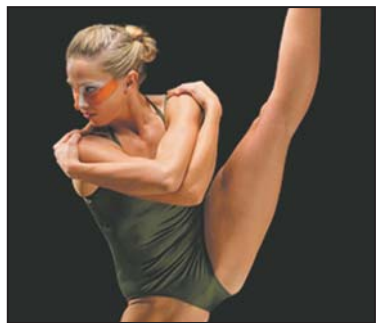
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# Nation

## In Colo., Romney Rallies for Caucus Votes



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**MITT ROMNEY HOLDS** 1-year-old Madison Busch during a campaign rally Tuesday in Loveland, Colo., ahead of the night's Minnesota and Colorado caucuses and Missouri primary. Results of the caucuses and primary weren't available at Express' deadline. For more, visit [washingtonpost.com/politics](http://washingtonpost.com/politics).

## Abortion, Birth Control Grab National Spotlight

### Dayton, Ohio

A political firestorm over abortion and birth control spread suddenly to multiple fronts on Tuesday. A high-ranking official resigned from the Susan G. Komen for the Cure breast-cancer charity after it backtracked with Planned Parenthood, and Republican presidential candidates blistered the Obama administration for a recent ruling on Catholic hospitals and contraception.



Handel

The two-track drama pumped new furor into longstanding disputes that sometimes take a backseat in political campaigns because the lines are so familiar and firmly drawn.

In Atlanta, Karen Handel, a Komen vice president who played a role in the initial decision to cut funding to Planned Parenthood, resigned Tuesday. "I am deeply disappointed by the gross mischaracterizations of

the strategy, its rationale, and my involvement in it," Handel said in her resignation letter.

The Obama administration's contraception ruling says church-affiliated employers' health insurance plans will have to cover birth control. Churches are not covered by the rule, but affiliated employers such as colleges and hospitals are.

David Axelrod, a top political aide to Obama, hinted at possible adjustments to the rule or its application. He told MSNBC the administration didn't intend to "abridge anyone's religious freedom."

In Colorado during a rally, Mitt Romney, a Mormon, decried Obama's "assault on religion," saying the new contraception ruling was "a real blow ... to our friends in the Catholic faith."

Newt Gingrich, a Catholic, told Ohio Republicans, "There has been a lot of talk about the Obama administration's attack on the Catholic Church."

CHARLES BABINGTON (AP)

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## World

# Moscow Reaches Out to Assad in Syria

Russian envoy urges regime to pursue dialogue, reforms

## Beirut

Days after blocking a U.S.-backed peace plan at the U.N., senior Russian officials pushed for reforms Tuesday during an emergency meeting with Syrian President Bashar Assad, promoting a deal to end the bloody uprising without removing him from power.

Thousands of flag-waving government supporters cheered the Russians in the capital of Damas-

cus, while to the north, Assad's forces pounded the city of Homs, underscoring the rifts propelling the country toward civil war.

The violence, which the U.N. says has killed at least 5,400 people, has prompted the most severe international isolation in more than 40 years of Assad family rule.

France, Italy, Spain and Belgium pulled their ambassadors from Damascus, as did six Gulf nations, including Saudi Arabia. Germany, whose envoy left Syria this month, said he would not be replaced. The moves came a day after the U.S. closed its embassy there and Britain recalled its envoy.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on Tuesday flew to Damascus to try to boost a plan to keep Assad in power. The visit was evidence that Moscow does not want to be seen as giving Assad a pass to crush dissent in the wake of Saturday's Security Council veto.

Both Russia and China blocked a resolution backing calls for Assad to hand over power to defuse the 11-month crisis. Russia has opposed any U.N. call that could be interpreted as advocating military intervention or regime change.

Moscow urged all sides in Syria to hold a meaningful dialogue. "Necessary reforms must be

## Growing Outcry

Turkey, once a strong ally of Bashar Assad's regime, added its voice to the international condemnation on Tuesday. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said his country cannot remain silent about the massacres in Syria, and Turkey would "launch a new initiative with countries that stand by the Syrian people instead of the regime." His comments reflect a growing movement by the U.S. and its allies to organize a coalition of nations to back Syria's opposition, though what kind of support remains unclear. (AP)

implemented in order to address legitimate demands of the people striving for a better life," Lavrov said, according to ITAR-Tass.

Assad replied that Syria is determined to hold a national dialogue, saying his regime was "ready to cooperate with any effort that boosts stability in Syria," state news agency SANA reported. SANA also said a panel tasked with drafting a new constitution will submit recommendations to Assad soon.

But such overtures are unlikely to satisfy opposition leaders who say they will accept nothing less than the downfall of the regime.

ELIZABETH A. KENNEDY (AP)

## In Brief

### QUITO, ECUADOR

**Court Orders 2 Reporters To Pay \$1M to President**



Correa

An Ecuadorean judge ordered two journalists to pay \$1 million each to President Rafael Correa, finding them guilty of defamation for reporting that he knew about contracts his older brother had with the state. The Associated Press obtained the ruling on Tuesday, and the two journalists said they would appeal. (AP)

### LONDON

**Officials Issue Apologies In U.K. Hacking Scandal**

British police, an editor and a press regulator took turns to express regret over their role in the phone hacking scandal Tuesday. London's Metropolitan Police Service, Times of London Editor James Harding and press regulator Peta Jane Buscombe each acknowledged that they could have done more regarding the illegal practices, whose exposure in June has rocked the British establishment. (AP)

## Fury Rises in Greece Over New Austerity Moves



**PROTESTERS CLASH WITH RIOT POLICE** in Athens, Greece, on Tuesday during a 24-hour general strike called by unions to show their displeasure at lawmakers' latest concession to the country's creditors: plans to cut 15,000 civil service jobs, which were announced Monday. Meanwhile, Greek Prime Minister Lucas Papademos negotiated late into the night Tuesday with debt inspectors to finalize a proposal for new austerity moves to avoid a disastrous bankruptcy in March.

## Tehran Dismisses Sanctions From U.S.

### Tehran, Iran

Iran on Tuesday dismissed the new U.S. sanctions, saying they are part of a "psychological war" meant to sow discontent among Iranians and insisting the measures would not halt the country's nuclear program.

Washington ordered the new penalties on Monday, giving U.S. banks additional powers to freeze assets linked to the Iranian government and close loopholes that officials say Iran has used to move money despite earlier restrictions imposed by the U.S. and Europe.

Rejecting the latest round of sanctions, which are aimed at complicating the country's ability to conduct international commerce, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast said that Iran's central bank has no financial transactions with the United States and therefore would not be affected. (AP)

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**The estimated cost to clean up lead and secure gold mines in northern Nigeria, where activists report that "the worst outbreak of lead poisoning in modern history" has taken place, an international watchdog said Tuesday. At least 400 children have died of lead poisoning since March 2010, and thousands more continue to be exposed to dangerously high levels of the toxic substance, Human Rights Watch said. (AP)**



# World



Volunteers scoop snow, which slows ice formation, Tuesday from the surface of a frozen lake in Gallemadammen, Netherlands.

## Cold Yields a Flurry of Skate Prep

Anticipation builds for the Netherlands' rare 125-mile race

### The Hauge, Netherlands

Volunteers poured onto frozen rivers and lakes in the northern Netherlands on Tuesday to shovel snow, a major hurdle to a grueling speed-skating race being held for the first time in 15 years.

Helpers from as far afield as Amsterdam, more than 60 miles away, cleared the ice after organizers of the Elfstedentocht, or 11 Cities Tour, warned that Friday's snow was hampering ice growth.

### Meanwhile ...

**Europe has been hit** with more than a week of extreme weather, as thousands are still trapped by snow in the Balkans. The prospect of flooding due to melting snow is rising: Rivers in Bulgaria and Greece burst their banks Tuesday. (AP)

"They're sweeping and shoveling, trying to get everything ready as soon as possible," said Auke Hylkema, a so-called district chief group that organizes the event.

Their enthusiasm reflected the Elfstedentocht fever gripping the country amid speculation that

the cold snap that has brought misery to much of Europe could bring ecstasy to the Netherlands in the form of the race's first skating since 1997.

Ice must be at least 6 inches thick over the 125-mile track that winds along canals, rivers and lakes in Friesland province for the 16,000-competitor event to go ahead.

The nearly mythical race has been staged only 15 times since 1909 and is expected to bring the nation to a halt if it happens. In 1997, an estimated 1.5 million spectators lined the route as farmer Henk Angenent won the race and in doing so became a household name. (AP)

### Hearsay

**"The Chinese government will resolutely crack down on any attempt to incite violence or to disrupt national unity."**

— **LIU WEIMIN**, A CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN, ON TUESDAY, WARNING AGAINST CONTINUED UNREST IN TIBETAN AREAS AND ACCUSING OVERSEAS ACTIVIST GROUPS AND THE DALAI LAMA OF FOMENTING RECENT VIOLENCE.

## Last Known WWI Vet Dies at 110

### London

Florence Green never saw the front line. Her war was spent serving food, not dodging bullets.

But Green, who died Saturday in England at 110, two weeks before her 111th birthday, was the last known surviving veteran of World War I. She was serving with the Women's Royal Air Force as a waitress at an air base in eastern England when the guns fell silent on Nov. 11, 1918.

It was not until 2010 that she was officially recognized as a vet-

eran after a researcher found her service record in Britain's National Archives.

Green remembered her wartime service with affection. "In many ways, I had the time of my life," she said in 2008.

The last U.S. veteran of the conflict was Frank Buckles of Charles Town, W.Va., who drove ambulances in France for the U.S. Army. He died in February 2011.

The war's last known combatant, Royal Navy veteran Claude Choules, died in Australia in May. (AP)

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The D.C. Department of Transportation plans to build a streetcar barn in Kingman Park near the H Street/Benning Road line.

## NE Car Barn Plan Panned

Ward 7 community says proposed facility would be a nuisance

### Washington

Like many of her neighbors in the Kingman Park community of Ward 7, Beverly Mullins is looking forward to the day when trolleys start rolling up and down Benning Road. But she's not happy about where the streetcars might be parked overnight: just across Benning near her home.

Mullins is one of hundreds of Kingman Park residents organizing to stop a city proposal that calls for a trolley car barn near the eastern terminus of the H Street/Benning Road line. The 14,000-square-foot facility would sit on a grassy swath of Spingarn High School's grounds and house several trolley cars at night, according to the proposal.

The facility also would be an operations base and maintenance facility where workers would be trained to fix the streetcars.

Residents said they are concerned that the \$13 million car barn would create a noise nuisance, disturbing their quiet community of single-family homes.

**"We're not opposed to the street car. ... I think that would be wonderful. But we're concerned that this ... will not be attractive to the neighborhood."**

— **COSBY WASHINGTON**, A KINGMAN PARK RESIDENT OF 25 YEARS.

"This is an industrial use they want to put in a residential neighborhood," said Mullins, who has lived in the community for 27 years.

Lisa White, an advisory neighborhood commissioner, said the community feels the project was foisted upon them. "They never asked our opinion," she said. "They just said: 'Here it is.'"

John Lisle, a spokesman for the city's Department of Transportation, said the site at Spingarn worked the best because it helped keep costs down and presented the right amount of developable space. He disagreed with residents concerns about noise.

"It's going to be an enclosed building, so I think the noise will be less than some people think," he said, adding that the streetcars are slated to begin running in 2013. "We're sensitive to the community's concerns."

White said residents are unbowed. "We're going to continue to attend meetings, send emails and ask about alternative sites," she said. **CHRIS L. JENKINS** (THE WASHINGTON POST)



**Pushed Back:** If you have opinions about the Circulator bus system, you can share them at a public forum scheduled for this month. The semiannual public forum is set for Feb. 29 at 7 p.m. It was originally scheduled for Feb. 7, but it was postponed so it wouldn't conflict with D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray's State of the District address. It will take place at Union Station's Columbus Club at 50 Massachusetts Ave. NE. (TWP)

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## In Brief

## WASHINGTON

**D.C. GOP Names New Executive Director**

The District of Columbia Republican Committee has named a new executive director. Nicholas Jeffress will take over on Monday, replacing Paul Craney. Jeffress has previously worked for the party as a volunteer coordinator. The executive director manages the day-to-day operations of the District's Republican Party and reports to the chairman and executive committee. (AP)

## GREENBELT, MD.

**School Bus Driver Pleads Guilty in Child Porn Case**

A Maryland man who drove a school bus has pleaded guilty to producing child pornography. Scott Smallwood, of Upper Marlboro, Md., pleaded guilty Tuesday. Smallwood was arrested after he inadvertently left a cell phone memory card containing sexually explicit videos at a 7-Eleven. Multiple videos depicted a 7-year-old taking part in explicit conduct. Investigators searching Smallwood's home later found notebooks containing charts and lists of sexual contact he had with several children. (AP)

## RICHMOND, VA.

**More Than 2M Can Use Free Online Tax Filing**

Gov. Robert McDonnell, a Republican, says more than 2 million low- to moderate-income Virginia taxpayers can use the state's free online program to prepare and file their state and federal returns electronically. McDonnell said Tuesday during a public briefing that only a fraction of taxpayers who qualified for the Virginia Free File program last year used it. Both programs can be accessed at Tax.virginia.gov. (AP)

# Old Post Office in Trump's Hands

## GSA picks real estate magnate's company for hotel conversion

### Washington

The General Services Administration has selected a proposal from Trump Hotel Collection, the lodging brand that bears the name of the New York real estate magnate, to turn the historic Old Post Office Pavilion on Pennsylvania Avenue into a luxury hotel with at least 250 rooms, conference facilities, a spa and restaurants.

Robert Peck, GSA's commissioner of the Public Buildings Service,

issued a statement saying Trump was selected to save taxpayers money and take better advantage of the historic property.

"Deciding to move forward with redeveloping this iconic property will save millions in taxpayer dollars each year. The tremendous response from the private sector allowed us to select a proposal that will provide a consistent revenue stream for the Federal Government and better utilize a historic property on our nation's Main Street," Peck said in a statement.

"The Trump Organization plan will preserve the historic nature of the building and improve the vitality of Pennsylvania Avenue," Peck



The Old Post Office Pavilion in the District houses shops and restaurants.

added. "This redevelopment represents good business sense on behalf of the American taxpayer, the federal government and the District of Columbia."

Though listed on the National Register of Historic Places and located on Pennsylvania Avenue between the White House and the Capitol, the Old Post Office has been deemed under-utilized by the government. The GSA began soliciting proposals to redevelop the property in March.

Trump bested other high-profile suitors for the property, including one from Hilton Worldwide to turn the property into a Waldorf Astoria.

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

## Harriet Tubman Memorialized in Wax



**DESCENDANTS OF FAMED ABOLITIONIST HARRIET TUBMAN** help unveil a wax statue of the woman who led hundreds of slaves to freedom at the President's Gallery by Madame Tussauds in Washington on Tuesday. Students from Washington's Harriet Tubman Elementary also attended. Tubman was born into slavery on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

## Council Votes 10-2 to Repeal Gambling Bill

### Washington

The D.C. Council voted 10-2 to repeal the nation's first government-sponsored online gambling program.

Online gambling was legalized in the nation's capital last year, but the program was never implemented. Several council members raised concerns that language about online gambling was not included in the city's contract with its lottery vendor. The program was then legalized as part of a budget bill that was approved without public comment.

The only two council members to vote against the repeal Tuesday were Michael A. Brown and Marion Barry. (AP)

# \$246K

The amount in gifts that the 140 members of the Virginia General Assembly accepted in 2011, according to the Virginia Public Access Project, a nonpartisan tracker of money in politics. (TWP)

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# Cover Story

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President Obama, once a vocal critic of super PACs, is striking a different tone in light of Republican fundraising successes.

# Obama Backs Super PACs

To take on the GOP in fundraising, the president changes his position

## Washington

In a reversal, President Obama is embracing the big-money fundraising groups he assailed as a “threat to our democracy” on the grounds they let money corrode elections. His shift is a pragmatic move to win re-election, and a concession that his team had no choice but to catch up and go along with today’s supercharged rules.

Swamped by outside Republican groups in fundraising so far, Obama belatedly decided to give his blessing to so-called “super PACs,” which can accept unlimited donations from corporations, labor unions and wealthy individuals. Both Obama’s campaign and the White House maintain that the president does not support today’s

rules but that he realized belatedly he must play by them to give himself a competitive chance at a second term.

The president is already facing criticism that he is compromising on principle and succumbing to Washington political rules he pledged to change.

Campaign manager Jim Messina said the president’s campaign “can’t allow for two sets of rules” in which the Republican presidential nominee benefits from “unlimited

spending and Democrats unilaterally disarm,” a telling reference to what amounts to a political war of advertising.

The Supreme Court opened the door to “super” political action committees, stripping away some limits on campaign contributions in its 2010 decision in the Citizens United case, a ruling Obama has spoken against.

Super PACs can’t coordinate directly with candidates or campaigns, but they have played a major role in the GOP primary by raising millions of dollars.

Republicans jeered Obama’s decision, and they weren’t alone.

**“WE WERE FACED WITH A SITUATION AS TO WHETHER WE COULD AFFORD TO PLAY BY TWO SETS OF RULES. AND THE ANSWER IS OBVIOUSLY NO.”**

— DAVID AXELROD, SPEAKING TUESDAY ON MSNBC ABOUT THE DECISION BY PRESIDENT OBAMA’S CAMPAIGN TO URGE DONORS TO BACK AN OBAMA SUPER PAC, PRIORITIES USA.

## Meanwhile

**The Obama campaign** said Tuesday that it would return \$200,000 in campaign contributions collected by family members of a Mexican casino owner who fled the U.S. after facing drug and fraud charges. Campaign officials said they were identifying donations bundled by others with connections to Juan Jose Rojas Cardona, expected to be about \$100,000, and would return those funds, too. (AP)

Supporters of more openness in government said the president had capitulated on his past calls to rein in the role of money in politics.

Former senator Russ Feingold, D-Wis., a longtime advocate for campaign finance limits, said the decision to support the super PAC would “gut a winning, progressive strategy. When Democrats play by Republican rules, people see our party as weak.”

Republicans jumped on Obama’s embrace of the super PACs and made clear they would use it against him. “Just another broken promise,” House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said of Obama’s decision.

Not facing any primary opposition, Obama’s campaign has socked away tens of millions of dollars. But his team took notice as recent fundraising reports revealed a large disparity with Republican super PACs: American Crossroads and Crossroads GPS raised \$51 million last year, while major Democratic groups — including Priorities USA Action — collected \$19 million.

Democrats have raised concerns about the potential impact of the super PACs on the general election.

Obama campaign senior strategist David Axelrod said last month that the “prospect of hundreds of millions of dollars of negative ads raining down on us is not a prospect that I relish.”

But he said then that Obama was “thoroughly known to the American people” and would be less vulnerable to such ads.

JACK GILLUM AND KEN THOMAS (AP)

## \$253M

The amount that groups that back Obama have raised in contributions as of late 2011.

## \$226M

The amount that groups that back the GOP have raised in contributions as of late 2011.

## Super Spenders

President Obama’s campaign and supporters at the Democratic National Committee and at the super PAC Priorities USA actually have out-spent their GOP counterparts by nearly 2-to-1, records show. Financial reports as of late 2011 show Obama’s re-election effort garnered nearly \$253 million in contributions and had \$95.9 million still on hand. But the fundraising gap may be starting to narrow. While Obama-supporting groups have largely out-raised Republicans, including Mitt Romney’s campaign, GOP-leaning groups such as Restore Our Future, and the Republican National Committee have brought the GOP total to \$226 million. Democrats say they fear an avalanche of a half-billion dollars from the outside GOP-supporting groups. (AP)





Jason Clark and Georgetown won at Syracuse last season. Can they repeat the tough task when the teams meet on Wednesday?

# Hoyas Aim High

Georgetown takes its stout defense up to No. 2 Syracuse

## Hoyas Hoops

John Thompson III has regularly preached about the importance of each game since taking over Georgetown's basketball program in 2004.

And while the Hoyas' effort in this surprisingly strong season suggests their coach's message is getting through, even the players admit Wednesday's game against No. 2 Syracuse is a bit different.

"We try to prepare for every game like it's Syracuse," said junior Hollis Thompson on Monday. "But this is Syracuse."

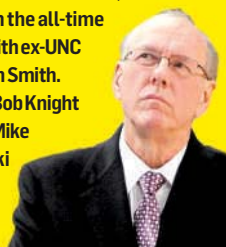
The 12th-ranked Hoyas will find out how good they really are when they travel to the Carrier Dome to

**"There aren't too many games that are as spirited as the Georgetown-Syracuse games have been down through the years. So is this game special? Absolutely, but I think our guys are going to show up and be ready to play."**

— JOHN THOMPSON III, DISCUSSING GEORGETOWN'S BIG GAME ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT AGAINST SYRACUSE. THE ORANGE IS NO. 2 IN THE AP'S LATEST COLLEGE HOOPS POLL.

# 879

The number of career victories for Syracuse's Jim Boeheim, who is tied for third on the all-time wins list with ex-UNC coach Dean Smith. They trail Bob Knight (902) and Mike Krzyzewski (919). (AP)



face an archrival that has sat atop the Associated Press rankings for six weeks this season.

Georgetown (18-4, 8-3 in the Big East) hasn't been too shabby itself. The team — picked to finish 10th in the Big East before the season — enters its biggest game of the season in third place in the conference.

Last week, the Hoyas rebounded from their awful defensive outing in Pittsburgh by holding the defending-champion Connecticut Huskies to their second-low-



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## The End Is Near

Wednesday's game is unlikely to be the last time Georgetown and Syracuse square off as Big East rivals, though one of college basketball's top rivalries will suffer once the Orange moves to the ACC. No start date has been announced for the switch, but 2014 appears to be a good bet. This will be the 87th meeting between the schools, with Syracuse holding a 47-39 advantage. Georgetown is 11-30 all-time at Syracuse, where Wednesday's game will take place. (EXPRESS)

est point total (44) since 1999 and then outmuscled South Florida in Georgetown's most lopsided league win (75-45) in four years.

That stifling defense will be needed to upend Syracuse (23-1, 10-1). "The biggest thing is staying together and definitely, definitely playing defense," said senior guard Jason Clark, who scored 12 points in Georgetown's 64-56 win at Syracuse last year.

While the Carrier Dome wasn't the roughest road venue Clark has faced in his Georgetown career, he said Syracuse could have an advantage on Wednesday. Orange officials expect more than 30,000 to attend what is likely to be one of the last regular-season conference games between the foes. Syracuse is slated to move to the ACC in 2013 or 2014.

"It's going to be a tough game," Clark said. "They're going to go on runs; we're going to go on runs. The biggest thing is to stay composed ... because of how loud the crowd is going to get."

Clark and the rest of the team's veterans are helping prep the freshmen for the imminent roars.

Thompson, the Hoyas' coach, said his youngsters should be prepared.

"They watch games. They're Big East fans and Georgetown fans. They know what they're walking into." KRISTINA LUCIDO

## Swengali

## Patriots in Good Hands With Hewitt

Paul Hewitt knew taking over for Jim Larranaga at George Mason wasn't going to be easy.

The Patriots' former coach is still beloved in Fairfax, not only for his Final Four run but also just for his general good nature. The bigger stage

of the ACC seems to suit Larranaga just fine, too. He's already received a two-year contract extension from Miami, and on Sunday, the Hurricanes earned their first win at Duke.

A day earlier, George Mason ensured that at least one set of Patriots would come out victorious last weekend. Mason slogged its way to an ugly, 54-50 win against Old Dominion — a game capped by a decisive 3-pointer that hit the backboard before slipping through the net.

**Mason ensured that at least one set of Patriots would come out victorious.**

Hewitt's team doesn't appear capable of putting together 40 minutes of aesthetically pleasing basketball. But it does know how to win.

The Patriots (19-6, 11-2) are tied for first in the CAA entering Wednesday's game against Hofstra.

In a year in which the league is likely to merit only one NCAA Tournament berth, Mason has as great shot to dance. My guess is that Hewitt will keep it that way for years to come. The ACC, where he coached Georgia Tech previously, wasn't a good fit for Hewitt, who should be more successful without having to recruit against Duke and North Carolina.

Hewitt may never be as popular as Larranaga, but the Patriots are in good hands.



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## Sports

# Ricky Williams Calls It a Career

Running back retires after being used as a backup in Baltimore

### Pro Football

Ricky Williams is retiring from the NFL. Again. This time, however, it appears to be for good.

The 34-year-old Williams told the Baltimore Ravens on Tuesday that he won't be back to fulfill the second year of a contract he signed in August. Playing as a backup to Ray Rice this year, Williams ran for 444 yards and scored two touchdowns.

He also became the 26th player in NFL history to reach 10,000 yards rushing, hitting the plateau in the



### Backstory

After winning the Heisman Trophy at Texas, Ricky Williams broke into the NFL in 1999 with the New Orleans Saints. Mike Ditka, then coach of the Saints, traded all the team's draft and first- and third-round picks in 2000 to pick Williams fifth overall. Williams spent only three years with New Orleans, but over 11 years in the league, he had five 1,000-yard rushing seasons and finished with 10,009 yards on the ground. (AP)

season finale at Cincinnati.

Williams retired previously before the 2004 season when facing a four-game suspension for violating the league's drug policy. He returned in 2005, then left to spend the 2006 season with Toronto in the Canadian Football League.

On his Twitter account, Wil-

liams said he intends to "do something really special" in the next phase of his life.

Although Williams' last start was in 2009, he enjoyed coming off the bench for the Ravens. "It's been interesting," he said in November. "It's been an adjustment for me, but I love the organization." (AP)

**28,601** The number of points that Kobe Bryant has scored in his career. The Lakers star, who is averaging 29.4 points per game this year, passed Shaquille O'Neal on the all-time scoring list Monday. (AP)

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# 4-Team College Football Playoff Revisited

Big Ten says sport's fans are demanding change from the BCS

## College Football

The Big Ten, which helped squash the notion of a four-team playoff to crown a national champion in college football several years ago, is taking another look at the idea.

"All of the Big Ten athletic directors are comfortable exploring the

possibility of a four-team playoff," Michigan State athletic director Mark Hollis said Tuesday. "Four is better than two."

Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith agreed and said the discussions stem from feedback "that we need to do something different," especially after the recent BCS title game between LSU and Alabama drew lower ratings than other championship games.

"The fans have been loud and clear," Smith said. "We also recog-

## Backstory

The so-called plus-one format — two semifinals plus the college football title game — was proposed in 2008 by the commissioners of the Southeastern Conference and Atlantic Coast Conference. It was shot down by the leaders of the Big Ten, Pac-10, Big East, Big 12 and Notre Dame. NCAA President Mark Emmert has said he supports a four-team championship playoff. (AP)

nize that, structurally, there's things that we want to try and change with the bowl system. ... It's time to be curious about everything."

The BCS title game pits against each other the nation's top two teams based on poll and computer rankings. The Chicago Tribune reported Monday one of the ideas before the Big Ten would put the two semifinal games on the campuses of the higher-seeded teams, and the national championship would be held in cities that bid for the hosting rights. (AP)

## TV Lineup

**HOYAS HOOPS (7 P.M., ESPN)** No. 12 Georgetown visits rival No. 2 Syracuse in an anticipated game.

**WIZARDS (7 P.M., CSN)** The Wizards host the struggling Knicks.

**MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., ESPN2; 9 P.M., ESPN, ESPN2)** Kansas visits Baylor, North Carolina hosts Duke, and Seton Hall plays Rutgers.

**PRO HOCKEY (7:30 P.M., 10 P.M., NBCSN)** The Boston Bruins face off against the Buffalo Sabres, and the San Jose Sharks host the Calgary Flames.

## A 'Big Blue Apple'



**NEW YORK GIANTS FANS**, top, cheer at a parade for the Super Bowl champions in New York on Tuesday. Below, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, left, and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, center, celebrate with Giants QB Eli Manning. Bloomberg joked that New York should be renamed the "Big Blue Apple."



## Memphis Is Heading East

A person familiar with the talks says the Big East is in discussions with Memphis about the Tigers' joining the league in all sports. The Tigers likely would join in 2013, when Houston, Central Florida and SMU from Conference USA already are set to join the Big East. CBSSports.com first reported the talks and said a deal could be announced later this week. (AP)



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Although his heart is still heavy, Wei Jinquan continues with the show.

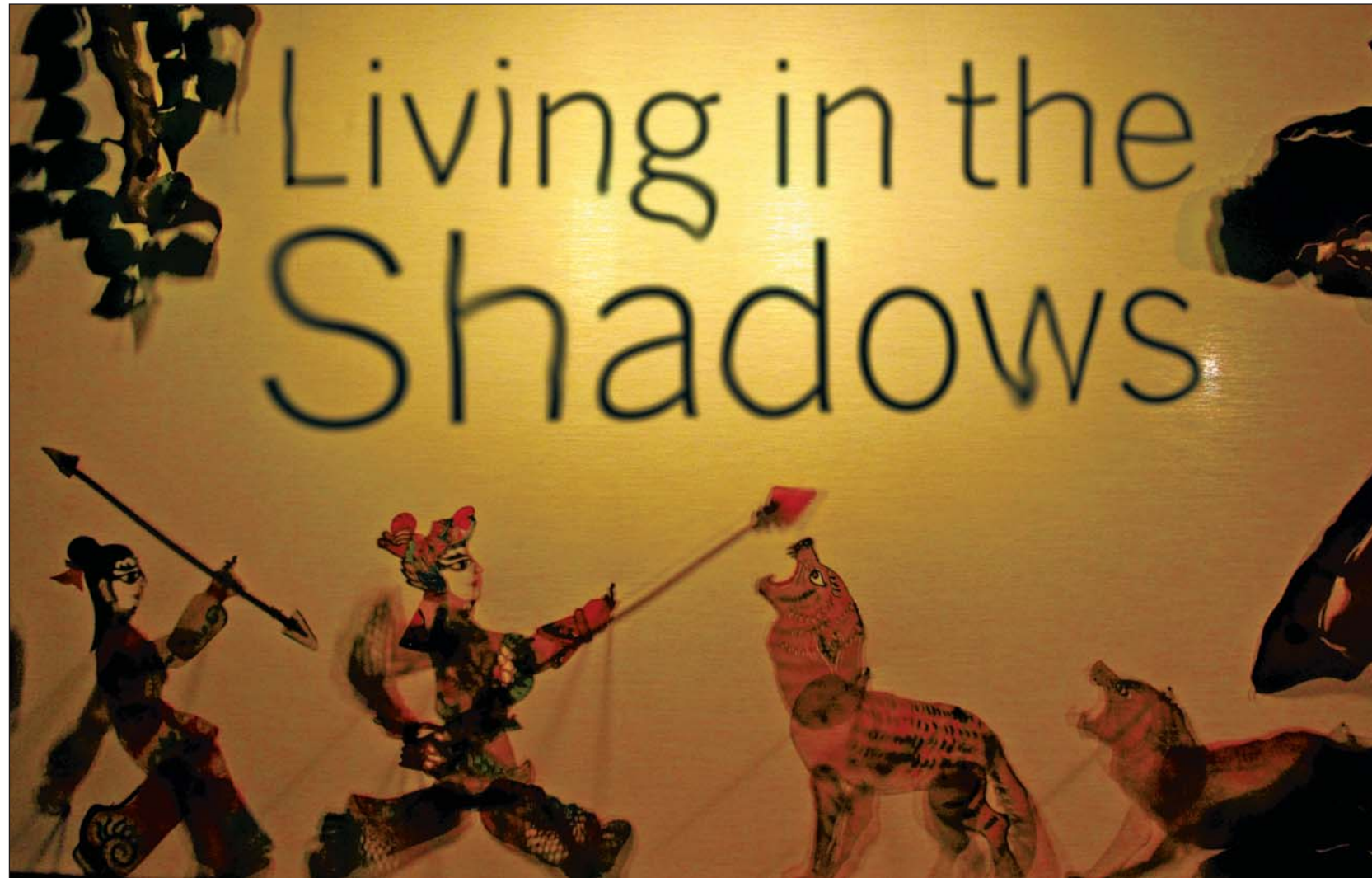
"It was tough sending off my own father," the 47-year-old admits, even though he has performed at countless funerals throughout his career and will continue the tradition.

He's still coping with the pain, but Wei makes sure his troupe turns up at 5:30 pm sharp at Shengshan village, where the show is at that night.

As soon as they find suitable flat ground outside the deceased's home to set up the stage, the troupe members start work putting up the frames.

All tasks are handled by the five-member troupe, and they will handle everything from setting up, to playing the music, prepping the props and of course, manipulating

It is a shining example of grassroots folk craft kept alive for more than 2,000 years. Chinese shadow puppetry encompasses both the performance and the delicate art of making the leather puppets, **Zhang Zixuan** travels across China to track down the masters.



#### THREE SCHOOLS OF SHADOW PUPPETRY

After 1911, three schools of shadow play took shape: the western school which mainly referred to that in Shaanxi province, the northern school dominated by artists in Luanzhou in Hebei province and the southern school originated from Hangzhou in Zhejiang province. With the development and integration of local music and culture, shadow play gained popularity in more than 20 provinces across China. Different counties even have their own unique shadow plays which incorporate local culture and flavor in terms of silhouette-making skills, singing and the images themselves.

to eat. The family courtyard is packed with village neighbors here to pay their condolences and food is being served as guests arrive in waves.

Dong Jinshui, 68, troupe leader and vocalist, tells the others

white spirit that is refilled again and again.

"It will be a long night," they tell each other. "Drink more to keep warm and to keep up your strength."

When their bellies are warm and

full, the five performers squeeze backstage to get ready for the show — which will be four hours long.

The puppets, the microphone and the musical instruments are all ready, as well as a full flask of drinks in a thermos bottle. A packet of cigarettes is handed around by a member of the host family. In the next four to five hours, no one will be able to leave the enclosure, not even for a bathroom break.

Wei sits in the middle behind the backdrop and starts manipulating the puppets. A full-length play usually involves more than 60 figures so moving several puppets

at once is nothing special for him.

Dong, the solo singer, will deliver all the songs in the play. When the act features crowds or armies, his fellow troupers will join in the chorus. Apart from singing, Dong also plays the *yueqin*, a two-stringed instrument as well as the drums and gongs.

Another musician is Liu Xingwen, who plays *banhu*, another string instrument, and *suona*, the little Chinese trumpet. More importantly, he is in charge of making sure the right puppets are ready for Wei when he needs them.

Eager to see the play, the villagers have all finished dinner early and are gathering in front of the stage to make sure they get the best view.

Wu Hongxin, who is from the neighboring village of Wujiapu, came early with his special chair to get a good spot. He is not particularly close to the deceased but he knows the shadow-play plots like the back of his hands.

"I can recognize the play as soon as the opening notes start," the 84-year-old says with pride. He has been following these plays since he was in training pants.

Just as the fans are of certain vintage, those who practice the art are also getting old.

In the days when shadow puppet shows were most popular, more than 10 troupes competed with each other for elbow space at temple fairs. Now, less than 20 performers are left, and the number is shrinking as the days pass.

Pan Jingle, 83, acknowledged as the "living fossil" of Huaxian shadow puppetry, is arguably the oldest singing master still alive. He was the one who dubbed the shadow play scenes in Zhang Yimou's award-winning film, *To Live*.

Out of a repertoire of 200 full-length shadow plays, Pan sings *Wanwan Qiang* with the most vitality. His rich, high-pitched voice singing the female roles has drawn many in the audiences backstage to marvel for themselves.

But Pan is getting lonelier and more isolated as more and more of his fellow performers die of old age. He, too, cannot be as active as he used to be and his faculties are fading with age.

"It's a shame there was not more systematic documentation of all the plays while Pan could still remember them," says Wei Liqun, who was responsible for drafting the nomination of the Chinese Shadow Puppets to UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

When the plays are passed down via word of mouth, things get lost in transition, and less and less are taught to new apprentices. Some of Pan's best pupils are already in their 60s.

Wei Jinquan and his four colleagues are the last surviving performers, and they started as teenagers.

Dressed in their handmade wadded cotton jackets, the five country folks have taken Huaxian shadow puppet shows to as far as Germany, the United Kingdom and France, and received overwhelming praise for their art.

That's why no one could be happier when Chinese Shadow Puppetry was officially inscribed on the UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in November 2011.

But after the exuberance comes the worry. What if no one inherits the art form?

"Many young people are learning but none are willing to work as performers."

Wei explains that an all-night performance only brings in about 1,000 yuan (\$159) for the whole troupe.

"The traditional plays are also losing audiences," Wei says. "Perhaps producing newer plays with multimedia presentation may be a workable solution."

But while they can, Wei's troupe will still continue performing on their rural stage.

"That's where Huaxian shadow puppetry has its roots."

#### THE PROCESS

Shadow play puppets are made from many different materials such as leather, skins and paper. One of the most popular materials is leather. After removing flesh and fur, the leather is stretched onto a frame to dry.



• Upon removing the leather from the frame, the puppetmaker marks the skin into different parts. Each portion of the leather will be made into a different body part.



• Thinner pieces are used for the upperbody to ensure better movement whereas thicker parts are used to create a stable lower body.



• The parts cut out from the marked leather, joints are punched in, and the pieces are joined together with leather ropes. Continuous patterns are then drafted onto the different body parts.



• Details such as facial features are carefully carved out of the material. Simple colors are added for detailing.



• Once the pattern are carved out, the puppet is then painted with natural paints. The last step before the puppet is complete is the installation of control rods.



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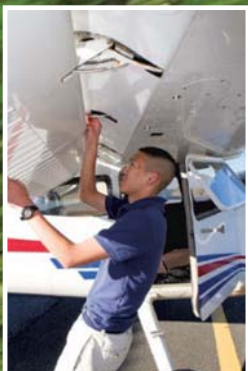
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“Unplugging from the constant buzz of computers, television, video games and cell phones allows children and youth to find themselves at camp making genuine connections with others, rediscovering the fun

in physical fitness, learning their own strengths and finding their own voices,” Smith added.

“Parents need to consider their child—what are their interests, what are they hoping to get out of the camp experience? Parents and families need to talk to the camp director and ask questions about the camp program and philosophy, and how issues like homesickness and discipline are addressed. ACA’s family site, CampParents.org, has great resources for parents, including expert advice, questions to ask the camp director, what to pack, etc. And, families should make decisions about camp together, because the more ownership the child has in the decision, the more they enjoy the camp experience,” Smith suggested.

“Camp provides children with the opportunity to connect with nature, to participate in human powered activities and to benefit from personal and primary relationships,” Smith said. ■

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# The Summer Camp SCRAMBLE

The summer camp scramble has begun. Parents around the Washington area are looking for ways to keep their children involved and growing, and spots at the most popular programs fill up quickly. Many will head to sleepaway camp. Others will take advantage of the myriad programs offered right here.

### OVERNIGHT CAMPS

Former Disney CEO Michael Eisner said in his memoir, "Camp," that much of what he needed to know, he learned at summer camp. Eisner's life-changing experience took place at Camp Keewaydin in Vermont. Washingtonians share similar memories of the magic of overnight camps.

Seventeen-year-old Chevy Chase resident Charlotte Sullivan went to Camp Jeanne d'Arc in New York's Adirondacks for seven summers. "I made life-long friends at camp," Sullivan said. "I speak to my camp friends daily and they are some of the most amazing people I have ever met. Meeting other girls in an environment like camp really shapes your relationship with people, and the friendships I made are different from those with school friends. I see these girls once a year, but I am just as close with them as I am with my school friends."

"I think my favorite thing about camp would be the campfires," Sullivan said. "Campfires perfectly embody the



Relaxing by the fire, Calleva Thursday night campout, 2011.

**CC** Campfires perfectly embody the ideals of friendship and tradition that are at the heart of camp, and every campfire memory that I have is a great one. I still know every camp song by heart!"

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### MUSEUM CAMPS

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The Smithsonian and other independent museums offer everything—from the International Spy Museum's code-breaking and disguise programs; to the National Zoo's photo safari and animal studies; to the National Building Museum's architecture, design and engineering programs; to Dumbarton House's history camp; to the DAR Museum's quilting and colonial camp—unique summer experiences abound.

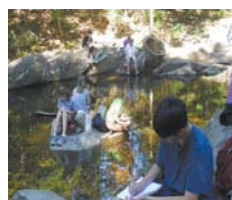
### SPORTS CAMPS

Sports are a life skill, are good for health, teach children how to work together in a team, and can even lead to college scholarships. A hot college sport du jour is crew, and St. Albans offers weekly summer rowing camps for teens who'd like to try it.

Tess McEvoy, 17, of Bethesda, fell in love with lacrosse. She was recruited by Yale and will attend in 2013. "Going to lacrosse camps this summer made all the difference in getting looked at by college coaches and improving my play," the Georgetown Visitation high school junior said. "The most important part is to think ahead about which schools you are seriously looking at and to attend camps such as Triple Threat in Alexandria where there will be lots of coaches."

Emily Lesmes of Chevy Chase attended 4 Star and Nike Tennis Camps over a couple of summers. "It definitely helped me prepare for the high school team and the coaches were really enthusiastic about teaching," she reflected. Both camps have multiple locations in and outside the Washington area.

"I've sent two boys to Headfirst summer camps, and I cannot say enough good things about their camps," said D.C. mom, Missy Cook. "Whether my boys were doing soccer camp, basketball camp, multi-sport camp or their 'Adventures in Engineering,' they loved the counselors, activities and the Headfirst approach to camp. In addition to the fun, there is a big focus on leadership, learning and sportsmanship, which I really liked. I also appreciated that my boys got in the car each day smiling, filled with stories about their day."



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Exploring the underwater world at a coral reef.

### DAY CAMPS

Most local private schools have a summer program, and not just for academics. Maret's summer program includes film-making. Sidwell Friends School offers a Lego Pre-Engineering camp. Mad Science camps offer an entertaining way to learn about scientific principles. L'Academie de Cuisine teaches a variety of summer cooking classes. Almost any student's interest can be fed by a day camp in this area.

"I have been going to Stone Ridge [School of the Sacred Heart] Summer Camp for as long as I can remember," said Rachel Starling, age 16, of North Potomac. "My favorite activities were Cool Crafts, Tennis and Gator Games. Adventure Camp was a really fun experience because we went on field trips around the area every day. I loved the camp atmosphere so much that I decided to work there last summer and will work this summer too. The camp has always been so much fun and I have so many great memories and many new friends."

"I went to Landon's Day Camp for many summers when I was young," said Logan Giles, a 14-year-old from Chevy Chase. "I loved all the sports it offered. It



## Camps

was fun meeting kids from the other schools and the counselors were really cool. There was so much energy at the camp. I remember I was always exhausted when I came home at the end of my camp day. Last year I was a counselor-in-training at the boys' day camp—it was as fun as I had remembered!"

The counties have varied offerings as well, as do the YMCAs. This summer, The YMCA of Metropolitan Washington is offering aquatics programs, sports, dance, gardening, Harry Potter wizardry, teen leadership, forensics, and Lego robotics, among others—see [ymcadc.org](http://ymcadc.org) for more information.

### ADVENTURE CAMPS

"Calleva is a great way to find hidden passions and talents that you may not discover otherwise," said Adam Green, age 13, of Washington, D.C. Green tried Calleva's "Explorer" camp, then narrowed it down to sailing and horseback riding. Now his little brothers are sampling Calleva's offerings.

Trout Unlimited teaches young people how to fish, restore habitats and appreciate the need to protect our coldwater fisheries and other natural resources. Their camps are held throughout the United States, including one at Graves Mountain Lodge in Syria, Va.



Students at the EHS Leadership Institute participate in a service project on Roosevelt Island.

Photo courtesy of Stacie Williams, Episcopal High School Faculty

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### LEARNING CAMPS

Pre-college programs have become increasingly popular in our competitive society. There are enrichment classes, SAT prep camps and college credit offerings, such as those offered at the University of Virginia over the summer.

Olivia Sem, 17, of Potomac, went to Yale University last summer via the Exploration Senior Program. "Doing Explo was one of the best experiences of my life and I would definitely do it again. Yale University was a wonderful campus to be on for three weeks and I loved taking great classes there, such as photography and urban studies. The best part, though, was meeting new people from all around the world. Many of the friends I made there are still some of my best friends to this day."

### SEE THE WORLD



Rustic Pathways' "Children of the Highlands" Program in Fiji.

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Many parents want their children to expand their horizons beyond the United States. Companies like Overland, The Road Less Traveled and Rustic Pathways help students build cultural bridges in some of the most interesting and beautiful places in the world.

Alex Aines of Bethesda traveled with Broadreach to Baja, Sinai, the Fiji/Solomon Islands and the Caribbean. She plans on majoring in marine biology in college as a result of her time with Broadreach.

"The first time I went on Broadreach

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was when I was 14," Aines said. "I was one of those kids who was very timid and was afraid of taking risks, so diving was really stepping

outside of my comfort zone. I wanted to try something new, and diving was just one of those activities that made me feel unique; not a lot of kids my age did it. I'd also never been fond of sleepaway camps, so Broadreach was quite a step for me."

"Living in a hut with a Fijian family who had no running water or electricity, but were the happiest people I've ever met, taught me a lot about the world," said camper Caroline Olsen, age 16, of Chevy Chase, who traveled with Rustic Pathways the past two summers and plans to return there this June.

With Facebook, Skype and iChat, Olsen continues to stay in touch with campers she met in Fiji and, before that, Costa Rica. She visited some of these friends in Ohio during the school year, and believes they will remain life-long friends. ☘

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## Learning Through THE ARTS

Stagedoor Manor Performing Arts Training Center in the New York Catskills has many famous alumni, including Natalie Portman, Robert Downey Jr., Lea Michele and Mandy Moore. This past summer, the offspring of Warren Beatty, Annette Benning and Al Roker attended the camp, as did Bob Marley's grand-child. Auditions are not required, but previous attendees are given priority and the camp fills quickly every year.

"I've learned so much at Stagedoor," says Christopher Olsen, age 14, of Chevy Chase. "It's like a family there, and the instruction is the best." Olsen was approached by a New York talent scout following his session-end performance, and will return to Stagedoor this summer.

Interlochen Arts Camp is another highly regarded performing arts experience. D.C. resident Maggie Monahan, age 16, attended Interlochen's summer camp from 2007 through 2011. "I love Interlochen more than any place on Earth," Monahan said. "I found myself in rigorous training that many believe is unrivaled in the rest of the world. It is a ton of hard work; don't go to

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Musical Theater Center's Singular Sensations.

**Learning so much about myself as a performer helped me realize that this is what I want to do for the rest of my life..."**



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### Learning Through THE ARTS

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Interlochen if you are looking for a calm, relaxing summer vegetating in northern Michigan. But I can see and feel myself making tangible progress artistically, and every year I have returned a stronger and more confident performer. The community at Interlochen is pretty spectacular; you meet a group of wonderful, interesting, talented people you could find nowhere else. I consider many of my Interlochen buddies among my closest friends and I am still in touch with some of the girls I met five years ago."

"Going to Interlochen has influenced my career plans," Monahan asserted.

"At the start of my Interlochen life, I knew that I loved my art. But at Interlochen, I realized that creating theatre is my passion and my purpose. Learning so much about myself as a performer helped me realize that this is what I want to do for the rest of my life. I plan on pursuing theatre as a career—but I want to double major with political science in college."

"There is something magical about Interlochen. I can't quite put my finger on it, but everyone there can feel it."

Locally, some of the big theater camp names are Imagination Stage, Academy of the Holy Cross's Summer Stock Theater, Arena Stage, Studio Theater, Musical Theater Center, Round House, Act Two @ Levine, Camp Shakespeare (at the Shakespeare Theater Company) and Theater Lab. Imagination Stage also has inclusion programs for kids with special needs. "Imagination Stage summer camp was awesome," said Scotty Lesmes, a Chevy Chase teen who has Down syndrome. "I learned how to do improv and about stage direction. I also made a lot of new friends, and I like making new friends."

Studio arts camps have a large presence in Washington as well. Most summer programs have an arts component. The Corcoran, which has a year-round professional school, has a top-notch summer program that includes traditional and non-traditional processes like cartooning. Glen Echo Park's summer offerings include stone carving, clay animation, calligraphy and many others.

Musically, the Levine School and Bach 2 Rock are popular with the younger set. Many young local bands have their origins at Bach 2 Rock. 🌱



A junior kindergarten student at The Langley School in McLean expresses her creativity during an art project.

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apps they developed at camp," said Karen Thurm Safran, vice president of marketing and business development for iD Tech Camps.

Seventeen-year-old Andrew Rosenblum has attended iD Tech Camp held at the College of William & Mary and the iD Programming Academy at MIT. He has written six Apple Store apps and his school incorporated his math player app into its lower school curriculum.

Chris Walker of Chevy Chase enjoyed several summer technology camps during high school, including Digital Media Academy, run by Stanford at George Washington University's Foxhall Road campus. His experience informed his decision to pursue a career in a computer-related field. The Dartmouth freshman is now majoring in computer science. "Carnegie Mellon's summer pre-college program was by far the best," Walker maintains. ■



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An at-a-glance look at goings-ons, events, and happenings in the Washington area.



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### February

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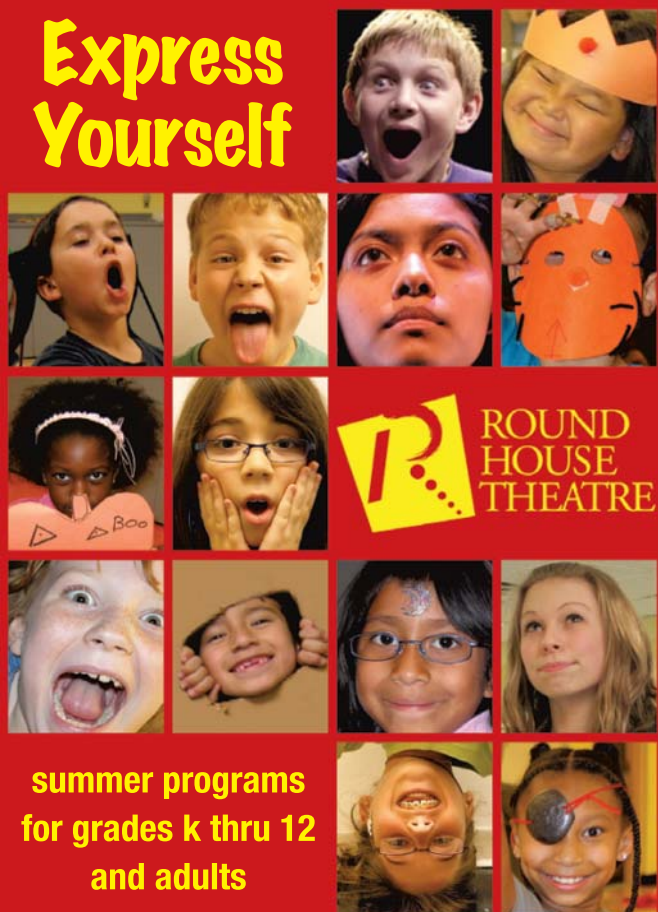
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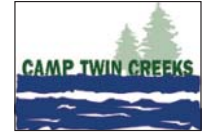
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## FAMILY DAYS AT THE NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM

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March 25 /  
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April 13 / 7:00 p.m.

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## Online

### Attack it online

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Brooke Salkoff was struggling to plan camps for her two children when one of the camps canceled some sessions, disrupting the working mom's carefully orchestrated plans. "How can I fill the gaps in my summer plan?" she lamented. "With all the resources on the Internet, there should be an easier way to solve this. I should be able to plug in dates and see what's available." Her husband overheard her and said, "That's a home run." And CampEasy.com was born.

"After I started researching for this business, I learned that camps face an equal and opposite problem to what parents face every year," Salkoff said. "Camps can't easily market themselves to parents. CampEasy is an effective platform to connect the two."

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Brooke Salkoff, president and founder of CampEasy, LLC, with children Eleanor (10) and Nate (8).

provided so that parents aren't required to drop their children off at two inconvenient places at the same time. CampEasy coordinates disparate pieces of information in one convenient place.

As of the end of January, CampEasy had 1,500 camps in its database. The site plans to add spring break and winter break camps by the end of the year.

"With the kind of camps I'm learning about, I want to be a kid again. Kids can learn to be trapeze acrobats, travel the world doing service projects.... It's really amazing," Salkoff marveled. ■

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## Inside Jokes



## Blame the Name

**I never planned on** visiting "Cougar Town." When the series premiered in 2009, the idea of a sitcom about Courteney Cox chasing younger men had all the appeal of watching Jay Leno at 10 p.m. In other words, none.

After ignoring the title-challenged series for two years, I had a change of



By Rudi Greenberg

heart when the show was put on hiatus. ("Cougar Town" will have been off the air for eight months when it returns Tuesday.) While in limbo, co-creator Bill Lawrence ("Scrubs," "Spin City") started hosting viewing parties across the country, a guerrilla marketing ploy he took on without ABC's help. Intrigued, I decided to take a trip to "Cougar Town."

What I found was a show not about cougars — female or feline — but one about best friends, wine and boredom. Cox's Jules hasn't even thought about dating a younger man since the series' first few episodes. "Cougar Town" is more "Scrubs" in suburbia than anything, with quick pacing, running gags and a heightened sense of reality balanced by an inherent sweetness.

Lawrence has said he wishes he could change the name but he doesn't want to confuse people. I say embrace it. Now that I've been to "Cougar Town," I can't wait to return.



ABC will air a "Cougar Town" marathon on Saturday from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.



Though Dierks Bentley's 2010 album "Up on the Ridge" was infused with bluegrass, his new record, "Home," eyes the pop charts.

# Country Strong

Dierks Bentley plays many roles on his new album, 'Home,' but his conviction is no act

## Music

If you've ever looked down your nose at country music, it might be because so many artists seem to suffer some form of multiple-personality disorder.

To wit: Dierks Bentley's new album, "Home," finds him cast as lover man, party bro, proud patriot, dedicated dad. Throughout his career, he has gone from bar-crawling lothario to devoted husband

**"With country music, you have to be a little older and have gone through life. I can hear great singers who have never had their heart broken. I can hear it right away."**

— **DIERKS BENTLEY**, WHO ADDS THAT HE'S "BEEN THE GUY WHO HAD THE BROKEN HEART WHERE YOUR HAIR FALLS OUT IN THE SHOWER."



**Home**  
Dierks Bentley

from one song to the next.

But so what? Like an actor playing a role, great country singers

inhabit their songs and make them sound like they're living it all right before your ears.

"Home," out this week, is Bentley's seventh and most assured album, with the 36-year-old Arizona native singing from an array of vantage points with a sure-footedness that wasn't always there. He's

## Backstory

### A Nashville Assist

After 2010's "Up on the Ridge" — Dierks Bentley's stellar, bluegrass-y left turn of a record — "Home" steers things back toward the pop charts. Unlike most of Bentley's past albums, this one finds the singer doing what his peers do — tapping into Music Row. Nashville songwriters supply six songs, giving Bentley new roles to play, but ones that he thinks reflect his true self. "The fans love the songs," he says. "If you wrote it, great. If you didn't, whatever." C.R.

penned a few goofy party anthems over the years, but with the indelible gallop of "Am I the Only One," you can finally taste the beer. Elsewhere, he's a homesick family man, a 9-to-5er pining for escape and a jilted lover in denial.

Bentley says it's no act. "I've been the guy who had the broken heart where your hair falls out in the shower," he says. "With country music, you have to be a little older and have gone through life. I can hear great singers who have never had their heart broken. I can hear it right away."

Case in point: "Thinking of You," which got its finishing touches when Bentley's family emailed him a video of his 2-year-old daughter singing the song's refrain: "Thinking of you, that's all I do, all the time/You're always the first and last thing on this heart of mine."

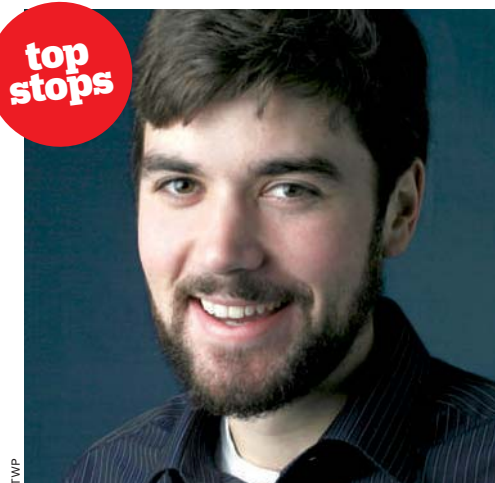
"I was lonesome," Bentley says. "And here's my daughter singing the song back to me. It killed me."

CHRIS RICHARDS (THE WASHINGTON POST)



**good to know** » Hot off her Super Bowl performance, Madonna announces a world tour that stops at Verizon Center on Sept. 23. » Metallica will curate and headline the Orion Festival — with Modest Mouse, Best Coast and more — in Atlantic City, N.J., in June. » Deadmau5, Foo Fighters, Lil Wayne, David Guetta and Chris Brown are performing together at Sunday's Grammy Awards. (EXPRESS)



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**2 Not Just in The Movies**

As part of the inauguration of its new movie theater, the National Museum of American History has unveiled a display case of Hollywood memorabilia. Classic-movie lovers can see costumes worn by Lauren Bacall. If you don't know who that is, you can view Harry Potter's robe. **National Museum of American History, 1400 Constitution Ave. NW; through summer, free; 202-633-1000, Americanhistory.si.edu. (Smithsonian)**

**3 Wine for Weeks**

The Capital Wine Festival isn't one of those peasantry weekend affairs. No, this slow-moving wine marathon began in mid-January and won't be over till the end of March. The festival consists of a series of wine dinners at the Fairfax Hotel, each highlighting a different vineyard. This week it's Heitz Wine Cellars, which will see wines paired with lamb, crab cakes, risotto and crème brûlée. **Fairfax Hotel, 2100 Massachusetts Ave. NW; through March 28, \$125-\$145; Capitalwinefestival.com. (Dupont Circle)**



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# Friends With Benefits

'Happy Endings' takes  
classic sitcom tropes  
and runs with them

### Comedy

ABC  
9:30

"Happy Endings" might be described as "Friends" meets "Scrubs" with a dash of "Seinfeld." It merges physical comedy, sight gags and cutaways with Mach-speed zingy dialogue.

The stepping-off point for the series' premiere last spring was the wedding of seemingly perfect couple Dave and Alex, at which Alex left her groom at the altar. Afterward, this made things awkward for them and for their mutual friends as everyone tried to keep the gang of six longtime pals intact.

If its premise seemed a little gimmicky, "Happy Endings" quickly laid to rest such concerns by revealing in group dynamics of these distinct and lovable friends.

Dave (Zachary Knighton) oper-



The "Happy Endings" cast stares disapprovingly at Max (Adam Pally, left), as usual.

ates a food truck on the streets of the show's Chicago setting. Alex (Elisha Cuthbert) is sexy but a flake, the owner of a boutique that gets no customers. Alex's sister, Jane (Eliza Coupe), is whippet-slim, high-strung and in velvet-gripped control of her husband, Brad (Damon Wayans Jr.), a prissy business exec.

Rounding out the pack are sarcastic slacker Max (Adam Pally), who, openly gay and even more

openly unemployed, has been friends with Dave and Brad since college, and, before pinning down his sexual preference, briefly dated Penny (Casey Wilson), who, still stubbornly looking for Mr. Right, remains best buds with him.

This week's show is pegged to Valentine's Day, with everyone focused on romance, and, of course, mostly not finding it.

FRAZIER MOORE (AP)

### Best Bets

CBS  
8:00

**Person to Person** CBS resurrects Edward R. Murrow's iconic series, with Charlie Rose and Lara Logan sharing the job of interviewing today's entertainers and politicians, and others in the public eye.

PBS  
8:00



**Nature** "Raccoon Nation" follows a family of citified raccoons over the course of six months and explores some disturbing trends, including the animals' role in spreading parasites and the possibility that city life is making them even smarter.

NBC  
8:30

**Are You There, Chelsea?** Chelsea (Laura Prepon, right) is invited on a deep-sea fishing trip with her new doctor and his partner, and brings Nikki and Dee Dee along. Dee Dee hits it off with the boat's skipper, while the other girls set their sights on the doctors.



SYFY  
10:00

**Face Off** For a Foundation Challenge that requires them to create werewolf trauma wounds on their models, the contestants have an "expert" to judge their efforts: actor Sam Huntington, who plays the werewolf Josh on "Being Human." (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

### Drama



### Guests Aplenty

Michael McKean ("Spinal Tap") guest-stars as a reality TV producer accused of being a casting couch rapist on "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" (10 p.m., NBC). Singer Miranda Lambert makes her acting debut as one of his alleged prey, and comedian Robert Klein plays lawyer Dwight Stannich. Harry Connick Jr., above, continues his role as a DA with more than a professional interest in Detective Olivia Benson. (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)



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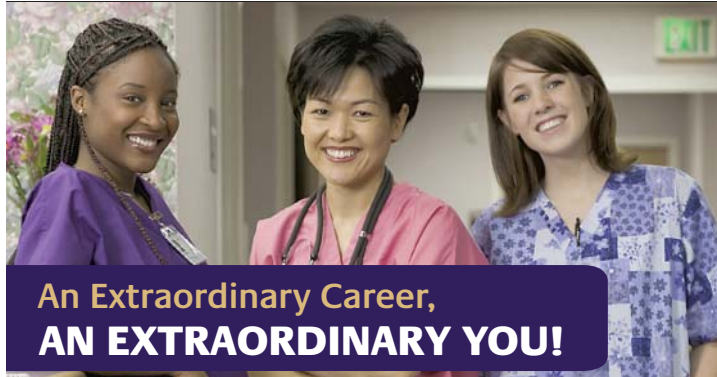


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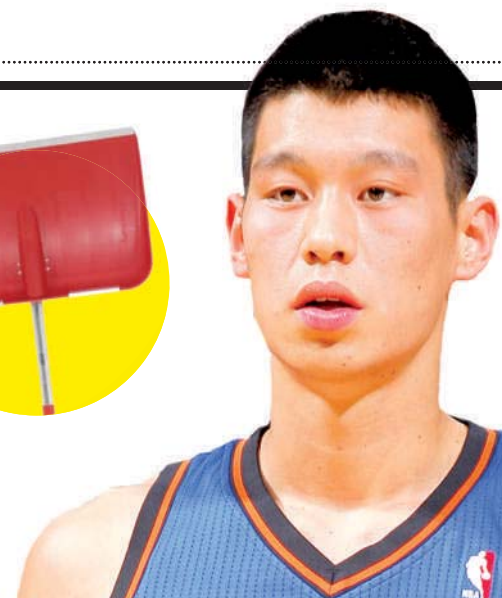
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▲  
“As part of its continuing efforts to cut running time and potential for fun, the Oscars may have dropped the annual Best Original Song performances from this year’s telecast, thereby eliminating the possibility that viewers would have to sit through a performance from ‘The Muppets’ when they could be listening to a nice acceptance speech, or watching a tribute montage to, say, people wearing eyeglasses in movies.”

—SEAN O’NEAL at AVclub.com is not happy that the song “Man or Muppet” will likely not be performed at the Academy Awards on Feb. 26.

▲  
“I think the idea here was to simply freak late-night audiences out through Yolandi’s stoic manner and her big black contact lenses. Still, Letterman manages to get a Super Bowl half-time joke in at the end, which is just about worth sticking around for.”

—NICK NEYLAND at Prefixmag.com reacts to watching South African rap-rave band Die Antwoord perform on “Late Show With David Letterman” on Monday night. After the performance, Letterman said, “There’s your halftime show!”

▲  
“I mean, really, let’s face it: If God determines that it’s time to roll the Earth like a scroll, then what the heck difference does my wheat, water and whatchamacallits make?”

—KELLEN BISHOP at Preparednesspro.com thinks that the people on National Geographic TV’s “Doomsday Preppers,” which “explores the lives of otherwise ordinary Americans who are preparing for the end of the world as we know it” and premiered Tuesday night, is a bit over-the-top.

▲  
“If we get a real snow this year, will the council members who voted to table this bill today try walking their neighborhoods and getting to work on foot or by transit? If they did, they’d very likely look at this issue very differently.”

—DAVID ALPERT at Greatergreaterwashington.org is not happy that eight D.C. Council members tabled a bill Tuesday to enforce the city’s law requiring residents to shovel sidewalks.

▲  
“Hop on the Jeremy Lin bandwagon right now, sports fans. At best, the 23-year-old Harvard grad turned starting point guard for the Knicks will help lead the team out of the doldrums of the NBA to compete in the Eastern Conference this year. At worst, he’s still a one-man highlight reel.”

—MIKE HAYES at Buzzfeed.com offers you a seat on the bandwagon after Lin scored 28 points in his first start with Knicks, on Monday.

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### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Your efforts will surely be appreciated today, but you may not receive the tangible rewards you're after unless you ask for them directly.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Criticism comes your way, but you're ready for it. Despite your best efforts, you're likely to take some comments in a negative way.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** The work you are doing at this time is characterized by a clear concept and focused energy. Others are likely to emulate you.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You may not be seeing all the details—or interpreting them correctly if you are. Get the advice of someone who has been there before.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Your perspective is certainly valid, but it may not take into account all eventualities. You will want to open your mind further.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Someone else's behavior may have you doubting yourself—but you cannot afford to have your confidence diminished for any length of time.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You may sense that there's too much talk and not enough action. When it's your turn, you'll want to do what is right, not talk about it.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** You've been trying to solve a personal mystery for quite some time, and today you're likely to receive information that provides real momentum.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Things are likely to develop quickly today, without regard for your level of preparedness. You must be willing to jump in as needed.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Take care that you don't let another's aggressive nature influence you. Do your best to maintain a calm demeanor.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You'll be ready for almost anything later in the day, but only after you are allowed a slower, more relaxed and forgiving start.

## Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 150-160, BEST SCORE 210

A <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	H <sub>4</sub>	W <sub>4</sub>

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RACK 1

A <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>

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RACK 2

A <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	V <sub>4</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>

3rd Letter Triple

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RACK 3

A <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	G <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	F <sub>4</sub>

Double Word Score

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RACK 4

### Yesterday's Solution

A <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	H <sub>4</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>
G <sub>2</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>
D <sub>2</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	J <sub>8</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	
J <sub>8</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	V <sub>4</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>

PAR SCORE 145-155

RACK 1 = 60  
RACK 2 = 59  
RACK 3 = 16  
RACK 4 = 101  
TOTAL 236

### FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

## Sudoku

MEDIUM

4				3	9			5
5	8		1					4
2	7			4				
8			7	9		6	3	
			2		3			
	9	2		1	5			7
				5			4	6
9					8		2	1
1			9	7				3

### Yesterday's Solution

7	8	6	3	5	4	1	9	2
1	9	3	6	7	2	5	8	4
4	2	5	1	8	9	6	7	3
2	1	8	4	9	5	3	6	7
9	6	4	8	3	7	2	5	1
5	3	7	2	6	1	9	4	8
6	7	1	5	2	8	4	3	9
8	5	2	9	4	3	7	1	6
3	4	9	7	1	6	8	2	5

### Need more Sudoku?

Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

## Comics

### POOCH CAFE | PAUL GILLIGAN



### PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS



## Forecast



42 | 31

**Today:** A little rain, then snow today. A bit of snow tonight.



47 | 31

**Tomorrow:** Partly sunny tomorrow. Clear tomorrow night.

### Looking Ahead



FRI



SAT



SUN

51 | 31 43 | 20 39 | 24

### Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 7:08 a.m.  
Sunset today: 5:37 p.m.  
Moonrise today: 6:53 p.m.  
Moonset today: 7:11 a.m.

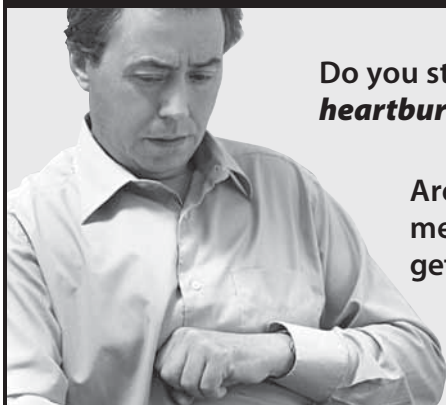
### Almanac

Normal high: 45  
Record high: 64  
Normal low: 30  
Record low: 3

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# lookout puzzles

## Crossword

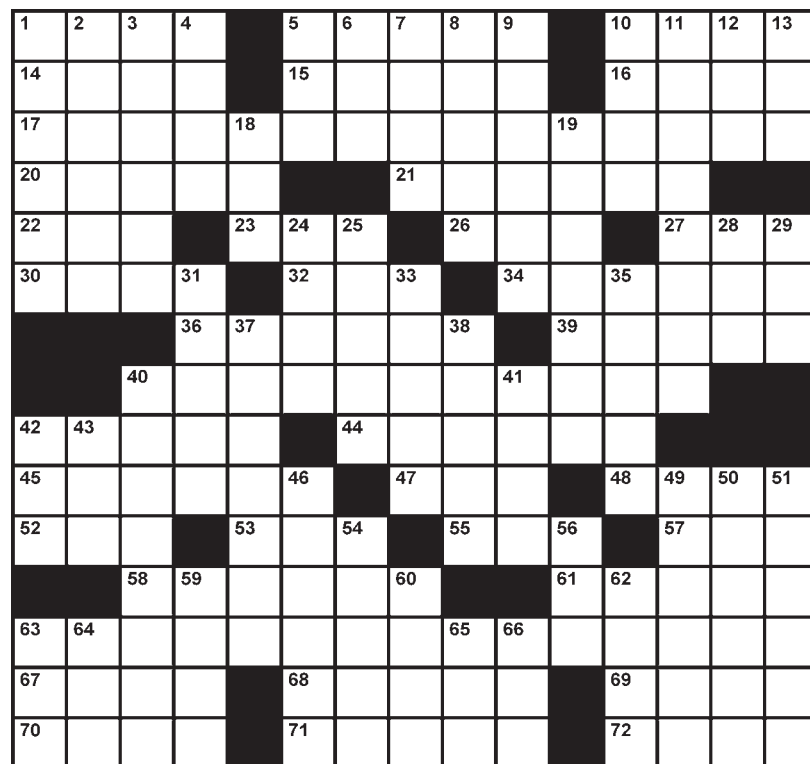
## LEADERSHIP COURSE

### ACROSS

- 1 Candied tubers
- 5 Put in a cell
- 10 "Shoulda, woulda, coulda" thinker
- 14 Square-footage measure
- 15 Exit the premises
- 16 Bedfellow
- 17 Dad's royal nickname?
- 20 Prolific writer Asimov
- 21 \_\_\_ l'oeil (visual deception in paintings)
- 22 "Agnes of God" actress Tilly
- 23 \_\_\_ for tat
- 26 Rubber ducky's milieu
- 27 Biology class initials
- 30 Yet another time
- 32 Confused noise
- 34 One feeling sorry for another
- 36 Breakfast dish
- 39 Fall off, as support
- 40 One with dependents
- 42 Words of praise by King David
- 44 Subject of a will, sometimes
- 45 Electrician's alloy
- 47 Kennel sound
- 48 Not well, mentally
- 52 Requiring medical attention
- 53 Replies of rejection
- 55 Word in wedding notices
- 57 Homer Simpson's shout
- 58 "Scram!"
- 61 Musical stage production
- 63 One wearing the pants?
- 67 \_\_\_ mater
- 68 Muse of love poetry
- 69 Computer operator
- 70 Carpe \_\_\_ ("seize the day")
- 71 School social
- 72 Dusty and dry

### DOWN

- 1 Washington city or river
- 2 Antonym for "fallen"
- 3 Social unit living together
- 4 "Lonesome Dove" genre
- 5 Renowned toymaker
- 6 Covered, as expenses
- 7 It's banked in Bangkok
- 8 Head off, as disaster
- 9 Get back, as losses
- 10 Speak hoarsely
- 11 Concealed, as a motive
- 12 90-degree building wing
- 13 Type of sandwich bread
- 18 Mo. of Canada's Thanksgiving
- 19 Completely surrounding
- 24 Invention beginning
- 25 Diacritical mark
- 28 Simpsons' neighbor
- 29 "My feet \_\_\_ killing me"
- 31 Globe representation



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33 Like a catching-up letter

35 Cornered, in a way

37 Keepsake

38 Nashville-based athlete

40 Sporting event

41 Mane site

42 Last Greek consonant

43 Fa-la link on a musical scale

46 Worked with shingles

49 Provide counsel

50 More revolting

51 "And \_\_\_ off!" (racetrack announcement)

54 "Kama \_\_\_"

56 Pitcher's stat

59 Red-coated cheese

60 More \_\_\_ enough

62 Down Under birds

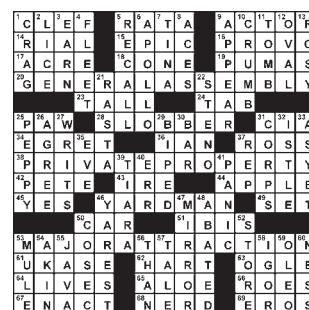
63 Possessed

64 Wallach of "Tough Guys"

65 Space-saving abbreviation

66 Enemy

## Yesterday's Solution



## Today in History

**1910** The Boy Scouts of America is incorporated.

**1968** Three college students are killed in a confrontation with highway patrolmen in Orangeburg, S.C., during a civil rights protest against a whites-only bowling alley.

**1971** NASDAQ, the world's first electronic stock exchange, holds its first trading day.

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people **lookout**
**DESPERATE TO PLEASE**  
**'I Agree With Everything**  
**He Says and Would Take**  
**Multiple Bullets for Him'**

Kelly Ripa serves husband Mark Con-suelos breakfast in bed on weekends and makes him coffee each morning, she tells *Good Housekeeping*. Also: "He doesn't need to take me every-where. ... I'm very much about us hav-ing our own separate time." And: "I don't give him a hard time about not doing things around the house, like taking out the trash." (EXPRESS)

**PERSUASION**
**'And There's Money in It**  
**For You, Too, Your Honor'**

Kris Humphries' attorney, Lee Hutton, wants to "expose the M.O. of reality TV," an unnamed source told TMZ. com. Hutton plans to argue that the marriage should be annulled based on fraud because Kim Kardashian just wanted publicity for her reality show. They also plan to ask the judge to allow TMZ and TV stations to broad-cast the trial. (EXPRESS)



"I'm not condescending to you. I'm descending to you. Get a dictionary."

**Heartbreak**

**'He's Focusing on**  
**Maintaining His**  
**Dignity, for Now'**

Tim Tebow, contrary to prior reports, is not considering appearing on "Dancing With the Stars." "He is focused on pre-paring for the 2012 season with the Denver Broncos," a Broncos spokesman told *Thewrap.com*. Tebow told HLN that he likes the show, "but I don't think this sea-son is right for me." (EXPRESS)



SLOOOOW NEWS DAY

**Beyonce**  
**Debuts**  
**Post-Baby**  
**Nails**

Usmagazine.com speculated Tues-day that the nail polish Beyonce wore for her first public appear-ance since daughter Blue Ivy's birth is a tribute to the child. She wore a coral dress (so, not the one above) because, *Us* suggested, a blue dress "may have been overkill." "Check out Beyonce's blue nails called Baker Street by Nails Inc. I love this color!" Lisa Logan, Beyonce's mani-curist, tweeted. (EXPRESS)


**BUDGET**
**Clothing Even**  
**Pippa Can Afford**

Kate "Duchess of Cambridge" Middle-ton's favorite designer, Jenny Pack-ham, is releasing a lower-end line. No.1 Jenny Packham will price wom-en's and children's clothing between \$134 and \$253 and will be sold at the U.K. department store Debenhams in April, the *Daily Mail* reported. Acces-sories, including fascinators, will run from \$28 to \$158. (EXPRESS)

**"He's your**  
**dream co-star. I**  
**have never felt**  
**so creatively**  
**satisfied on a film.**  
**He's amazing."**



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